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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

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At page 1, line 3, please replace the current reference to related applications with the following new reference:

-- Reference To Pending Prior Patent Application

This is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/910,646, filed 07/19/2001 by Daniel E. E. Hayes, Jr. et al. for BIMETAL TIBIAL COMPONENT CONSTRUCT FOR KNEE JOINT PROSTHESIS.

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